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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-21 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 16-21 are canceled, without prejudice by this response.

New claims 22-27 have been added.

Claims 10-15 were inadvertently canceled in the preliminary amendment filed on 30 September 2003. New claims 22-27 have the same scope as claims 10-15. These claims are limited to a group of claims subject to a restriction requirement in the prior application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicant, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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